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SUBJECT: QUITO: DRAFT STATEMENT ON SECRETARY'S ABSENCE

REF: STATE 235283

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A DRAFT STATEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE
RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 6, IF
APPROVED.

QUOTE: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED
THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ATTEND THE MEETING OF
CONSULTATION OF THE RIO TREATY IN QUITO WHICH BEGINS
NOVEMBER 8. THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT
THE TIME OF THE QUITO MEETING, CONSULTING WITH THE GOVERN-
MENTS OF THE AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO INSURE THAT THE MOMENTUM
TOWARD PEACE AND STABILITY IS CONTINUED. THE SECRETARY HAS
DESIGNATED HIS CLOSE COLLABORATOR, DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBERT
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INGERSOLL TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE MEETING AND

WILL BE IN DAILY CONTACT WITH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN QUITO. THE SECRETARY HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR REGRET THAT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE HEMISPHERE ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION, BUT IS CONFIDENT THAT HIS ABSENCE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MEETING'S WORK, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S PRESENCE. END QUOTE INGERSOLL

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